Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. P Mohammed Ashrof *(Cranganur)*: Then why not adopt that now also?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government)*: There is not sufficient water at present.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvs-Kanayannur)*: Give some water at least to the Azhikkal people who are so near.

Mr.L.M.Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: Are the Government aware that the very few tube wells there are absolutly useless now for want of repairs ?

Mr. K.S.Raghavan *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: Are the Government aware that the few little things that are required to keep these tube wells are not supplied by the department concerned.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I have no information. I want notice.

LITTORAL TRACTS—DRINKING WATER

320. Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is adequate water supply for drinking purposes in the littoral tracts in Cochin-Kanayannur and Cranganur Taluks;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, will Government be pleased to inform this house the steps taken by the Government to provide these areas with adequate supply of water and the amounts spent in the years 1117, 1118, 1119 and 1120;

(*c*) will Government be pleased to state whether the Government have explored the possibility of supplying drinking water to these areas;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative will Government be pleased to inform this house the nature and result of the experiments made by the Government in this matter;

(*e*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the negative will Government be pleased to inform this House why the Government did not find out ways and means for the adequate supply of drinking water in these areas?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

(*a*) A protected system of water supply is now made to the Town of Mattancheri and to the other littoral area between Mattancheri and Kandakadavu. In no other place such a supply is made now.

(*b*) In the years mentioned in the question, efforts have been made to enhance the supply of water from Chowwara to Ernakulam to meet the greatly increased demands from the Towns of Ernakulam, Mattancheri and the Port of Cochin.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The supply of water to the Southern limits of the State would involve the laying of about four miles of pipe. The supply of water to the northern area from Vypeen to Pallipuram would require a pipe line across the backwaters, and about eleven miles of pipes on the coastal strip. No investigation was made for a water supply to Cranganur. There was no requisition from this area.

(*e*) The question of water supply to the littoral areas of the C. K. Taluk is being considered as a Post-War Scheme.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)* May I khow wheter the Government will be pleased to inform this House that after reading the questions sent by me and the answer given, whether this is a proper answer to the question? My question is whether there is adequate water supply for drinking purposes in the littoral tracts in the Cochin-Kanayannur and Cranganur Taluks and the answer is, a protected system of water supply is now made to the town of Mattancheri and to the other littoral area between Mattancheri and Kandakkadavu, and in no other place such a supply is made now.

Mr. President: I think the question has been answered. The answer states the situation as it is and it may be inferred that, when the answer says in no other place is protected water supply made, the supply is not adequate. I think the Hon'ble Member's question has been fully answered.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)* My question is whether there is adequate supply of water in those areas.

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Mr. President: The answer gives a statement of what the supply is and it is perfectly clear from the answer that the supply is not adequate.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* May I know, Sir, whether tube-wells have been constructed in these localities, that is, in the littoral tracts.

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* In some parts, tube-wells have been constructed.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* May I know what the real depth of these tube-wells is, to what depth the tube-wells have been dug?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* I have no information.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* May I know whether the Government are aware that such tube-wells have been constructed successfully in Alleppey and Mankombu?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* In Mankombu it is a failure, but in Alleppey, it is a success. The wells in Alleppey were dug to a depth of 326 feet.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* Are the Government aware that in Alleppey, it is good water that is obtained from tube-wells?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government consider the question of exploring the possibility of ensuring water-supply by this method?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* That scheme, as I already submitted, we are considering.

Mr: Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* Are the Government aware that the tube-wells already constructed here were not dug to the proper extent and therefore water was not available?

Mr. President: I may say that this question of artesian water supply is a very intricate one. You will find water in one place, you don't find it in another place It is very largely a gamble. I know for example that on the east coast, the town of Pondicherry has got a very good water-supply from these deep artesian springs. But in many other places along that coast attempts have been made without any success at all to find similar supply. So, it does not follow that because water is found at a certain depth at one part of the country, it will be found everywhere else.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* I only said that attempts should be made.

Mr. President: The Government have already said that attempts are going to be made.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas Cochin-Kanayannur):* May I know, what the answer given by the Chief Engineer with regard to this is?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തശ്ശൻ: കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ താലൂക്കിലും കൊച്ചികണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിലും littoral tracts ഏതാണ്ട് ഒരു മാതിരിയാണോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. രാഘവൻ: ഏതാണ്ട് ഒരു മാതിരിയാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തശ്ശൻ: ജനങ്ങളുടെ ഒരു പ്രത്യേക ആവശ്യം കൂടാതെ അവിടെയുള്ളവരുടെ ആവശ്യം നിവ്വഹിച്ചുകൂടെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. രാഘവൻ: അവിടെ മിക്ക സ്ഥലത്തും നല്ല വെള്ളമുണ്ട്.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* May I know when the post-war scheme referred to in the answer is going to be completed in conception?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* It is under investigation.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulm):* May I know by what time the Government propose to complete the conception of this scheme.

Mr. President: Government have not yet been able to fix any dates for the programme of post-war works.

LABORATORY BOYS AND ATTENDERS—MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE

321. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന പോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ട് ദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) എറണാകുളം മഹാരാജാസ് കോളേജിലെ ലാബറട്ടറി ബോയ്സിന്റെയും അറ്റന്റർഴ്സിന്റെയും ശമ്പളം റിവൈസ് ചെയ്യണമെന്ന് അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ള എ ത ഹർജികൾ ൧൯൪൫ മുതൽ ൧൯൪൬ വരെ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന്ന് ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഇവക്ക് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ട് നൽകിയ മറുപടി എന്തു?

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